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FOR CU/AF RELPH FROM STEVENSON

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TAGS: SCUL, MI

SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING GIFTS OF EXCESS USED OR
NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

1. RECENTLY IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT MOST OF THE PUPILS IN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE VIRTUALLY WITHOUT TEXT BOOKS OF ANY KIND. FOR EXAMPLE, AT RECENT DEDICATION OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTED WITH AID OF "SELF-HELP FUNDS" FROM THIS EMBASSY, REPRESENTATIVE FROM EMBASSY NOTED THAT TEACHERS HAD ONLY BLACKBOARDS TO ASSIST THEM AFTER NEARLY A YEAR OF OPERATION. IN SET UP HERE SUCH SCHOOLS ARE NOT DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BUT RATHER OF LOCAL DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE MINIMAL BUDGETS.

2. CONSIDERING REPORTS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED IN U.S. IN VARIOUS STATES (AS REPORTED RECENT NEWSWEEK ARTICLE ON THE "GREYING OF AMERICA") IT SEEMS POSSIBLE TO ME THAT THERE MIGHT BE LARGE QUANTITIES OF SURPLUS TEXTBOOKS WHICH PERHAPS COULD BE OBTAINED GRATIS WITH NEED ONLY TO FIND FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION COSTS. IN FACT, I SEEM TO RECALL FROM MY TIME IN BOGOTA THAT SOME ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERED IN CHICAGO IS SET UP FOR JUST THIS SERVICE, I.E. IT FINDS THE BOOKS AND MAKES THEM AVAILABLE TO NEEDY COUNTRIES.

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WE COULD NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OFFER THERE BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE DIFFERENCE. HERE CURRENT POLICY IS TO PUSH ENGLISH FROM THIRD GRADE UPWARD AND ENGLISH TEXTS DESIRED. INFORMAL QUERIES TO VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL OFFICIALS AS TO WHETHER SUCH SURPLUS TEXTS MIGHT BE DESIRED IF AVAILABLE BROUGHT POSITIVE RESPONSES. THEY DID NOT FEEL THAT CULTURAL DIFFERENCES LIKELY TO BE REFLECTED IN SUCH

TEXT BOOKS WOULD NECESSARILY MAKE THEM UNSUITABLE FOR USE
IN MALAWI.

3. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HAVE INQUIRIES MADE
ON THIS SUBJECT TO SEE IF THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS? IF IT DOES
WE WOULD LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THOSE CONCERNED AND TRY TO
GET SOME SAMPLES AIRPOUCHED. YOUR HELP WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

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